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FOURTH GRADERS SELECT CONNECTICUT'S MOST INTERESTING PLACES

BYSIEWICZ HONORS DOZENS 10 YEAR-OLDS FROM ACROSS CONNECTICUT AS PART OF STATE ESSAY CONTEST

Hartford – Surrounded by 25 fourth graders, Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz presented awards to the winners of Connecticut's 13th Annual Essay Contest. More than 1,000 fourth graders from across Connecticut submitted essays this year. Students were asked to write about a unique place in Connecticut and why they would recommend this place to someone visiting the state.

The top five essays covered a wide range of attractions: a flea market in New Milford, the beach at Hammonasset State Park in Madison, the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

"The voting age may be 18, but that doesn't mean young people have to wait until their 18th birthday to get involved and start thinking about how to have an impact in their community," said Bysiewicz. "It is my hope that this essay contest will

inspire students to appreciate what Connecticut has to offer and think about how they can help protect, and even improve, the things that they love most.”

Five winning essays were selected from each of Connecticut’s five congressional districts. Each set of winning essays consisted of a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner, along with two students who received honorable mention. Every student honored at Friday’s event received a \$25 gift certificate from Barnes & Noble bookstore.

Student information is listed below:

Name	School	Town	Place
Frank Fusco	Enfield Montessori School	Enfield	1 st
Tess Borsechnik	Kelly Lane Intermediate School	Granby	1 st
Tenisha Harper	Saint Brendan School	New Haven	1 st
Abigail Winters	Hawley Elementary School	Newton	1 st
Christine Byrne	Marvin Elementary School	Norwalk	1 st
Mark Fusco	Enfield Montessori School	Enfield	2 nd
Megan Sapack	Long Meadow Elementary School	Middlebury	2 nd
Shachar Lazar	Edgewood School	New Haven	2 nd
Michael Kokias	Marvin Elementary School	Norwalk	2 nd
Deidra Caruso	Gildersleeve School	Portland	2 nd
Kristin Davis	East School	New Canaan	3 rd
Ian Concascia	Dr. Charles Murphy School	Oakdale	3 rd
Kartik Prabhu	Race Brook School	Orange	3 rd
Noah Sanders	Gildersleeve School	Portland	3 rd
Zachary Mazza	Saint Catherine of Siena School	Trumbull	3 rd
Stephanie Durso	Mary T. Murphy School	Branford	HM
Emily Sargent	Saint James School	Manchester	HM
John McLaughlin	John Lyman School	Middlefield	HM
Jenna Thomas	All Saints Catholic School	Norwalk	HM
Natalie LaBella	All Saints Catholic School	Norwalk	HM
Bridget Sharos	Pleasant Valley School	S. Windsor	HM
Julia Reid	Deans Mill Elementary School	Stonington	HM
Elizabeth Moore	Parker Memorial School	Tolland	HM
Timothy Considine	Saint Peter School	Torrington	HM
Ryan Juliano	Tootin' Hills School	W. Simsbury	HM

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